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APPLICATION NO: 10/766,666 :
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APPLICANT(S): Bramlet : EXAMINER: Davis
TITLE: Femoral Compression Screw
System with Ortho-biologic
Material Delivery Capability : ART UNIT : 3731
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ELECTION

This is a response to the Official Action, dated Apr. 14, 2005, having a shortened statutory period ending May 16, 2005.

With regard to the restriction requirement, the applicants elect the invention of Group I, the article of manufacture, claims 1-12 and 16-18. The election is made with traverse.


The claims of Group I and Group II are directed to compression screw capable of dispensing an ortho-biological material. See claims 16-18 of Group I. The applicant is entitled to draft claims to the same invention but with differing scope.

The applicants are entitled to a method claim that sets forth the method of use, such as the claims of Group III, of the claimed article. See 37 CFR 1.141(b).

All of the claims of this application should be examined together.

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